zone areas in view of the increasing exports from Karnataka; and

(c) whether Government will consider converting Karwar Port as free trade zone in Karnataka ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) Presently there are seven Export Processing Zones/ Free Trade Zone in the country at Bombay (Maharashtra), Kandla (Gujarat), Cochin (Kerala), Madras (Tamil Nadu), Falta (West Bengal), Noida (Uttar Pradesh) and Viskhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh).

Keeping in view the availability of funds and the need to optimise infrastructural facilities in the existing Zones, it would not be possible, at present, for the Central Government to consider developing new zones in the country. However, the Central Government has recently decided to permit establishment of Export Processing Zones through private sector or State Government participation.

Export target for current year

7364. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister of Commerce has recently given a clear indication of his preference for setting the current year's export target at around 25 per cent as per the news item in the Times of India dated 19th May, 1994 captioned "Government for targetting 25 per cent export growth" ;

(b) if so, what is the actual export target for 1994-95, as finally decided by the Ministry; and

(c) what is the export target for 1994-95 as projected by the Finance Ministry ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Export targets for various sectors for the current year are being considered in consultation with the concerned organisations of trade and industry.

Export targets for various items

7365. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets of exports for different items for the year 1994-95; and

(b) what effective measures Government propose to take to achieve the same in this respect ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Export targets for 1994-95 have not been fixed.

(b) Broad measures are reflected in the Export and Import Policy 1992—97, as amended and announced on 31-3-94. Specific measures will be devised to achieve the targets being fixed.

Ban on sale of sugar to India by Pakistan

7366. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that Pakistan Government have recently banned the sale of sugar to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government with respect to new avenuses for the import of sugar from other countries to ensure adequate availability through the PDS?